

## **Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex Permit Waterfowl Hunt Lottery Draw**

The Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex will be accepting applications for a public waterfowl hunt in the Sargent Unit of San Bernard NWR from September 17 to October 5, 2007 (any applications received before or after this date will not be accepted). If you are selected through a lottery drawing, you will be able to hunt waterfowl on Saturday and the following Wednesday of the week for which you are selected. Applications must include a blind fee payment of \$45.00. This fee enables the selected hunter to bring up to three additional hunters. All blinds not drawn will be available for reservation and payment of fee on the Friday before the hunt week starts. Please check this website following the draw to determine availability for open blinds. We will make efforts to fill your week preference and blind requests. Limited disability hunters will be given priority for blind #1 being it is the least difficult to get to. Only one application per person will be accepted. You must be 18 years or older to apply. A public drawing will be held at the Complex office located at 1212 N. Velasco, Suite 200, Angleton, Texas on October 10, 2007 at 9:00am. You do not need to be present to be selected. Persons selected will be notified by mail within 10 days of the drawing with appropriate permits, regulations and map.

### **General Hunting Regulations**

Hunting is permitted on Saturday and Wednesday during the regular waterfowl season.

Safety must be the first consideration of each hunter. All shotguns must be unloaded and encased while in transit in a vehicle on the refuge. Shotguns must remain unloaded to and from the hunting blind. No other firearms are allowed. You may only be in possession of shells containing non-toxic shot.

All persons entering the hunt area must be legally licensed to hunt waterfowl.

Youth hunters, 17 and younger, must be under the supervision of an adult 18 or older to hunt on the refuge.

The permit will allow the hunt party to enter the refuge 1.5 hours before sunrise and must depart the refuge no later than 1.5 hours after sunset. Please be courteous of other hunters as you enter and leave the hunt area at all times during the day.

It is your responsibility, as the Group Leader, to see that a Hunt Report Form is completed for your group before exiting the refuge. Failure to do so will be grounds for denying future Hunt Permits.

You are required to stay within 100 feet of your assigned blind unless retrieving downed waterfowl.

Only ducks, geese, and coots may be hunted. All other wildlife, including poisonous snakes, is protected.

### **Other Information**

You will be required to walk up to 1½ miles to the hunting blinds. The trails are well marked, but a good flashlight is essential. Hip boots and mosquito spray are recommended.

The use of motorized vehicles, such as ATVs, past the hunter parking lot is not permitted.

Decoys are not provided. The use of retriever dogs is encouraged but dogs must be controlled to avoid interference with other hunters. Because rattlesnakes are found with some frequency along the levee trails, dogs should remain on a leash to and from the blind area. If a snake is encountered it should be left alone unless it is in your immediate hunting area or blind.

### **For Further Information**

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge  
1212 North Velasco, Suite 200  
Angleton, Texas 77515  
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[southwest@fws.gov/refuges/texas/texasmidcoast](mailto:southwest@fws.gov/refuges/texas/texasmidcoast)  
[www.refugefriends.org](http://www.refugefriends.org)

Directions for applying for the 2007-2008 permit hunt  
Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex

- ✓ Applications submitted BEFORE September 17 or AFTER October 5, 2007 will NOT be accepted. All requested information MUST be completed.
- ✓ Only one application per person will be accepted
- ✓ Applicants must be 18 or older to apply.
- ✓ Only Money Orders or Cashier Checks will be accepted. (No Cash or Personal Checks).
- ✓ Applications must be accompanied by a \$45.00 blind fee.
- ✓ All fees are NON-REFUNDABLE
- ✓ Make payment out to US Fish & Wildlife Service
- ✓ Permits are transferable if the applicant can not make the hunt.
- ✓ Print the form below and mail your entry fee and application to:

Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex Permit Hunt  
1212 N. Velasco, Suite 200  
Angleton, TX 77515

## Sargent Permit Hunt Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Priority Week of the Season (rank your top three choices):

Week:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rank:	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___

Priority Blind (rank all you are willing to accept) note: blinds 6 and 7 require a boat for access off the Intracoastal Waterway

Blind Number:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rank:	___	___	___	___	___	___	___

Does a member of your hunting party have a limited disability which would prevent them from accessing the further blinds? Yes No